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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are intended as a full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action dated (mailed) December 2, 2004.

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> of the boring tool causes the moved detector and the other detector to both be in range of said electromagnetic locating signal. Claim 45 still further requires that the new location of the moved detector is established in proximity to an anticipated drilling path of the boring tool. It should be appreciated that these features provide for extension of drilling range in a way which is impractical, if not impossible, in vertical drilling applications such as taught by Waters. Applicants are unable to find any reasonable disclosure, teaching or suggestion of these features in the art of record.

> Claim 46 depends directly from claim 44 and recites that the moved detector was out of range of the electromagnetic locating signal, prior to being moved from its initial position, as a result of advance of the boring tool and wherein the moved detector is within range of the electromagnetic locating signal, after being moved, such that the moved detector remains within range of the boring tool over a subsequent advance of the boring tool. These features, again are related to extending drilling range and are submitted to be absent from the art of record when taken in any reasonable combination.

> Claim 47 also depends from claim 44 and recites that sufficient additional advance of the boring tool along the anticipated drilling path causes the other detector to be out of range of the electromagnetic locating signal while the moved detector is in range and, thereafter, the other detector is moved to an advance location farther from the boring tool, but still in proximity to the anticipated drilling path. The relative locating signal is then transmitted for use in establishing the advance location of the other detector relative to the moved detector so as to also establish the absolute position of the other detector at the advance position in the region such that both detectors are again within range of the boring tool to receive the electromagnetic locating signal over further advance of the boring tool. The drilling range is thereby extended in a highly advantageous way while using only two detectors.

> New claim 71 has been added which requires that the relative locating signal and the locating signal from the boring tool are dipole fields and is believed to be allowable over the art of record.

> For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims under immediate consideration, and passage to issue of the application is solicited.

> If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mike Pritzkau at 303-410-9254.

> > Respectfully submitted.

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